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## Gonyea looks to OMB

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Paul Gonyea, owner of Gonyea Eaves and Siding Renovations, says he plans to take Minden Hills township to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Gonyea's business has been a topic of conversation for councillors for months, and at a committee of the whole meeting last week, the majority of council indicated they would be voting to deny Gonyea the zoning bylaw and official plan amendments he requires to keep his business at its current location.

Gonyea's business is located in a building on the Twin Lakes Resort property, near the meeting point of Mountain and Twelve Mile lakes.

Much of council's conversation during the past few months has centred around whether Gonyea's business qualifies as a waterfront contracting business, one of the few business types under the official plan allowed to be located on a body of water.

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### He scores!

NHL rookie and Haliburton County native Matt Duchene was the hero of the night when he was the only Colorado player to score a goal during a shootout, putting the Colorado Avalanche in the playoffs with a 4-3 win over the Vancouver Canucks on April 6./ Photo by Carmine Marinelli, QMI Agency

## New drug legislation a bitter pill to swallow

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

The owners of Minden's Pharmasave say new legislation from the provincial government will have detrimental effects for small-town pharmacies and the people who use them.

That legislation, which has received two readings in Queen's Park and will likely come into effect May 15 unless changes are made, aims to reduce the province's \$20 billion deficit by lowering the price the province pays for generic drugs.

Planned changes to the Ontario Drug Benefit plan include reduced costs associated with generic drug plans and an end to professional allowances, or fees which generic drug companies pay to pharmacies to carry their products.

The changes aim to save the government \$750 million during the next fiscal year and billions in succeeding years.

The changes will also dramatically affect the way small-town pharmacies operate and likely mean some will be forced to close their doors, says pharmacist Peter Meraw, co-owner of Minden's Pharmasave.

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## Another fire burns in Irondale

Just after 12:30 p.m. on April 13, members of the Minden Hills, Gooderham, Burnt River and Kinmount volunteer fire departments attended a fire just outside of Irondale near Furnace Falls.

A truck and trailer were damaged in what officials at the scene said was a chemically caused fire.

No one was injured. The fire was the second one in Irondale in less than a month. On March 19, a fire that officials believed started with a chimney destroyed the upper floor of the Irondale Country Store.

The fire chiefs from Minden Hills and Highlands East are currently working on a shared services agreement.



Not much was left of this trailer after a fire near Furnace Falls on April 13./Photo by Graham Jones

## Military trains near Dorset

The Canadian Forces will be conducting a basic military training course for 40 Canadian Rangers from Ontario's Far North next week at the Lion's Camp near Dorset.

Canadian Rangers are part-time, reserve soldiers who provide a military presence in Canada's remote and isolated regions. They provide skilled assistance in emergencies such as searches, plane crashes, forest fires and floods.

"The Lion's Camp is an excellent site for the kind of basic training we will be providing the Rangers," said Major Guy Ingram, commanding officer of 3rd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group at Canadian Forces Base Borden. "They will be receiving instruction in basic drill, general military knowledge, navigation, including how to use maps, compasses and GPS, first aid and communications."

"We will also be doing live firing at the shooting range on North Margaret Lake Road, near the Frost Centre Institute, on Saturday, April 24."

The Rangers taking part in the



Participants in last year's basic military training camp./Photo submitted

training will come from the 18 remote Cree, Oji-Cree and Ojibwa settlements in Ontario's far north with Ranger patrols. Fourteen of the communities have no year-round road access. The students are all skilled hunters, trappers and fishers who use their intimate knowledge of their local territories to provide invaluable

assistance to the Canadian Forces. They are also first responders in many emergency situations.

The Rangers wear distinctive red sweaters and red ball caps, combat pants and combat boots.

The camp will have 15 full-time members of the Canadian Forces to run it and provide instruction.

## Folk society names junior ambassadors

The search is over. The Haliburton County Folk Society is pleased to announce the appointment of two new Youth Ambassadors, 19-year-old Melissa Dudgeon and 15-year-old Keith Burley.


For a one year term Melissa and Keith will represent the musical interests and initiatives of local youth on the Haliburton County Folk Society Committee, help increase youth awareness of and membership to the Folk Society, promote and participate in Open Stage nights and concerts, and create and facilitate a youth committee for ideas and input.

Their intriguing, accomplished and enthusiastic sub-

missions for Youth Ambassador received unanimous support from the Haliburton County Folk Society.

Melissa and Keith will receive a complimentary membership for 1 year to the Haliburton County Folk Society, free tickets to four concerts in 2010; five free CDs from the Folk Society's collection; their song recorded at a local recording studio; and a radio interview on a local radio station.

If you require any further information on the Youth Ambassador program or the Folk Society please call 754-FOLK (3655), email [info@haliburtonfolk.com](mailto:info@haliburtonfolk.com), or visit [www.haliburtonfolk.com](http://www.haliburtonfolk.com)



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# Zion United Church to receive recognition for environmental efforts

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Carnarvon's Zion United Church is receiving a provincial award for its efforts to become more environmentally friendly.

The church is being recognized by Greening Sacred Spaces, a national organization that encourages religious institutions to become community leaders by making their buildings more energy-efficient.

Zion, along with a number of other institutions representing a number of faiths, will be honoured at the seventh annual Abraham Festival this weekend in Peterborough.

"We were surprised," said Barbara Walford-Davis, the co-chair of Zion's property committee.

"It wasn't anything we sought out," said Joan Chapple, chair of the church council. "We're just a little dot all the way up

here."

In recent months, Walford-Davis, Chapple, other church members and hired contractors have been busy giving Zion a makeover. From new windows to new insulation throughout the building to power-saving light bulbs and exit signs, the church has gone from a drafty century-old building to one that is energy efficient.

It wasn't cheap. Walford-Davis estimates the project cost nearly \$10,000, with most of the money coming from trustee donations and fundraisers put on by the church.

"When we have a fundraiser, we have fun in our fundraiser," Chapple said.

The church also got a grant for their power-saving bulbs.

Walford-Davis said the church had first gotten involved with Greening Sacred Spaces last year after hearing a talk from John Patterson, an area resident who sits on the organization's national board.



Barbara Walford-Davis, John Patterson, Joan Chapple and Joyce Wiltshire stand in the banquet hall at Carnarvon's Zion United Church, which was recently outfitted with new insulation. The church is receiving an award for its efforts to become more energy-efficient. /Photo by Chad Ingram

"It just took off from there," she said.

Patterson, who was at the church last week, said he hoped that other churches in the county would look to Zion as an example.

So far, Walford-Davis said 10 of the county's 30 churches have had audits performed on their buildings with the goal of making environmentally friendly renova-

tions of their own.

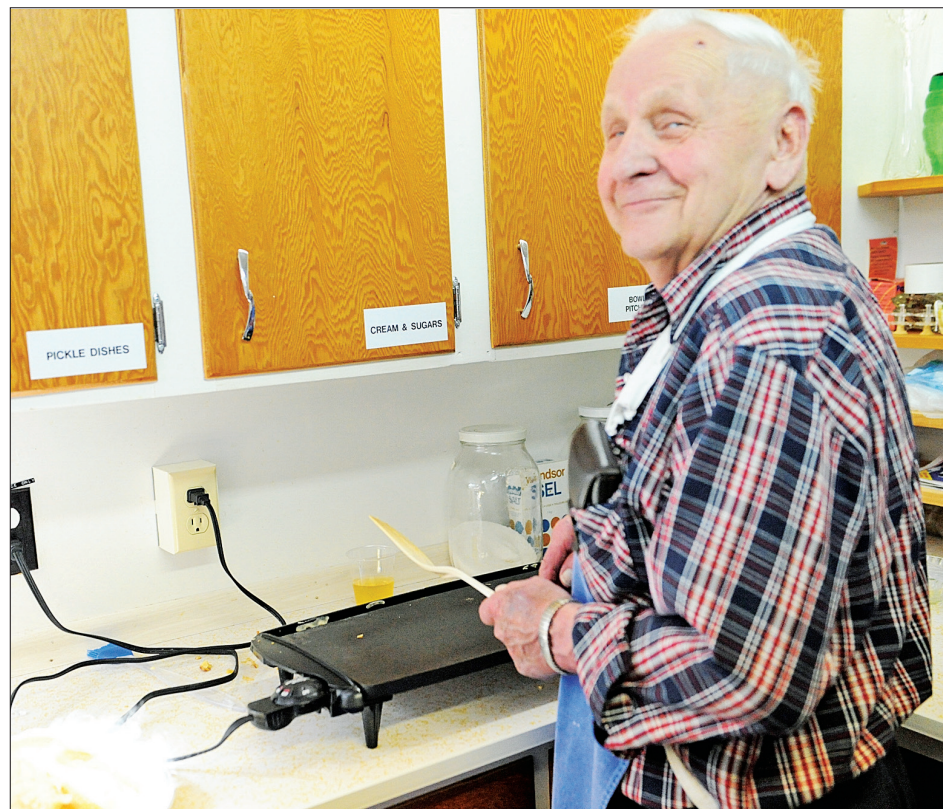
Walford-Davis said while it will take next winter to see what the cost savings are truly going to be for the church, she estimates it will be hundreds of dollars a year.

"When a church can do something good for the environment and save money at the same time, that's sweet," Patterson said.

## Many sweet moments at Lochlin Maplefest



It was standing room only at the Lochlin United Church on April 10 for the organization's annual Maplefest festivities. Hungry residents had to wait in line for seating as many came out to support the event and fill their tummies with delicious pancakes and sausages. /Photos by Angelica Blenich



Many volunteers, such as the one pictured, spent the morning flipping hundreds of pancakes and grilling many more sausages to feed the hungry masses.



# Who pays Lutterworth water system shortfall?

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors discussed just who should be paying for the shortfall on the new water distribution system at Lutterworth Pines during an April 8 meeting.

That system, which cost \$366,000, just started operating and was paid for largely by a grant from the federal government.

While the township had initially been under the impression it would be receiving \$350,000 from the feds for the project, and while MP Barry Devolin had shown up with a giant novelty cheque for that amount late last summer, councillors discovered in October that federal funding had been decreased to \$312,000, leaving an approximate \$50,000 shortfall on the project.

That shortfall, combined with costs for hydro, chemicals and contract costs with the Ontario Clean Water Agency, which will be maintaining and operating the system, means the township is looking at a total shortfall of approximately \$68,000 for the Lutterworth Pines wa-

ter system.

The recommendation from the township's environmental and property operations manager, Peter Brown, was that council amalgamate the budget for the Lutterworth Pines water system with the budget for the Minden water and sewer system, which services the village.

Each of the 29 homes that comprise the Lutterworth Pines mobile home park is already paying an annual user fee of \$1,000 for the new system.

Councillor Barb Reid wanted to know what the per household increase would be if the two systems were amalgamated and while this figure wasn't provided, Reid estimated the increase would be approximately \$80 per year for households currently on Minden's water and sewer system.

Councillor Peter Oyler said he thought the costs for the new system should be falling to the residents of Lutterworth Pines themselves.

"The chickens are finally coming home to roost with regards to the Lutterworth system," Oyler said, pointing out there had been no system improvements and there-

fore no user fee increases in a long time. "They've got to pick up the extra costs over a period of time."

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch agreed.

"They've had it good for a long, long, period of time," Murdoch said. "My problem [with amalgamating the fees] is with the fairness of it."

Due to manufacturing cost increases, the township recently learned its water tower project is going to cost approximately \$1 million more than expected and while the township is trying to get more grant money from the feds and the province for that project, there is a chance that at least part of that increase could fall to the users of the village's sewer and water system.

Reeve Jim McMahon told Brown he thought council needed more options to look at.

Currently, the average home using Minden's water and sewer system pays approximately \$800 a year in user fees.

Under Ontario's municipal regulations, only ratepayers who are on water and sewer systems can be asked to pay for them.

## Farmers' market moves from Haliburton to Carnarvon

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

The Haliburton Farmers' Market will be setting up shop in Carnarvon this year.

The market, which enjoyed its first season last summer, made its home in Haliburton village last year, near Todd's Independent and Roberts Marina.

However, an inability to find a location closer to the

village's downtown and a suggestion by Dysart et al council that vendors should pay fees under the township's transient trader bylaw found representatives from the market association in Minden Hills council chambers on April 8.

Councillors unanimously agreed to allow the market to set up shop on a vacant lot between Northland Marine and That Place in Carnarvon restaurant and to waive fees under the township's transient trader bylaw. The restau-

rant's proprietors own the lot.

"We're delighted [with council's decision]," said association member and local farmer Angel Taylor.

Councillors had a few questions for Taylor about how the market operates.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch wanted to know how much of the food sold is produced locally.

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# Marina neighbours worried about wells

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Plans by an Algonquin Highlands marina to expand its operation are rocking the boat for some of its neighbours.

Rob Walisser operates Old Mill Marina on Kawagama Lake east of Dorset and wants to construct a new boat storage building.

The project, which would include the construction of a 90-square-metre building 10 metres in height on 12.5-acre property near the marina, was approved in principle by Algonquin Highlands council in January.

It would require changing the lot from rural residential to recreational commercial zoning.

Walisser said demand for boat storage at his facility has outgrown capacity and that the new building would allow him to double his storage capacity from about 140 to about 280 boats.

Hugh Reynolds lives on Russell Landing Road, where the marina is located, and has for the past 10 years.

Reynolds's home is located on a lot between the marina and the lot where Walisser wants to build his new building and told the *Times* he and other residents of the neighbourhood have serious concerns about the proposed project.

"There is a group of us here that have issues with it," Reynolds said, adding that these issues include increased noise and traffic and related safety concerns, oil and gas spillage in an area where people rely on wells for drinking water and destruction of natural habitat.

"It sort of plunders the natural serenity

of the lake," he said.

Walisser though, said there would be very little spillage of gas and oil.

"We are Clean Marine-certified," he said, explaining that there are codes of conduct he must follow.

Walisser said since his business operates five days a week and since boat storage and removal occur mainly in the spring and fall, he didn't think the traffic increase would be dramatic.

He said about two acres of the 12.5-acre lot would have to be cleared to allow for the construction of the building and added he would try to make sure damage to the area's sprawling deciduous forest was minimal.

While Reynolds said he plans to show the project would decrease area property values and contravenes the township's official plan, Walisser said he plans to prove the expansion would have no impact on area property values and maintains the proposed project is completely within the guidelines of the official plan and added that the zoning changes would be site specific, allowing boat storage and nothing more.

Walisser said that he has sent letters to his neighbours inviting them to come and talk about his proposed project, but has received no response.

Walisser provided copies of those letters to the *Times*.

Reynolds said he and other area residents preferred not to speak directly to Walisser.

Algonquin Highlands' clerk and planner said she planned to schedule a public hearing on the matter for May 6.

would be able to use.

Markets will be held each Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. beginning June 18 and running until Sept. 10. Taylor said June 18, 25 and Sept. 10 would be "special market days, featuring musical entertainment and other events. Taylor said the market would also be looking at having activities for children, such as kite flying.

"We want to be a destination," she said.

Last year the association says the market had approximately 7,000 visitors and brought in between \$60,000 and \$70,000 in combined receipts.



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## Plenty of parking at new farmers' market location

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Taylor said the majority of vendors were local growers and that members also had what she called "your pick" vendors, or farmers from adjacent municipalities that offer produce not grown in Haliburton County.

This, Taylor said, provides a wider selection of goods for customers.

Councillor Bill Obee wanted to know how parking would work.

Taylor said there were 45 to 50 parking spots at the restaurant that customers



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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

# Congratulations Zions

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to the member's of Carnarvon United Church. The church is being recognized by Greening Sacred Spaces, a national organization dedicated to encouraging religious institutions to become community leaders by making their buildings more energy-efficient.

Members of Zion have worked hard, dedicating both money and time, to make their church more environmentally friendly by making renovations that include new windows, new insulation and power-saving lighting.

Hopefully other churches, institutions and private citizens throughout the county will follow suit.



There's no need to go on here about the damage the human race has inflicted on our poor planet, especially us in the Western world, and particularly since the Industrial Revolution.

Almost everything we do, from building our homes, to driving, to harvesting crops pollutes the planet in some way.

If she could speak, I'm sure old Mother Earth would give us quite a lecture about the way we've been abusing her.

The effects of our existence are visible in spectrums both large and small, from countless acres of land stripped bare by clear-cutting, to a piece of litter on

## EDITORIAL

Chad Ingram

the side of the highway.

A decade into the 21st century, most of us are at least partially cognizant of the damages we constantly inflict on the earth and most us have become habitual recyclers. While recycling is of course a great means of helping to reduce our impact on the planet, there are plenty of other things we can do.

And the members of Zion United Church have shown us this.

And, as church member Joan Chapple said last week, the project is not just about making the church more energy-efficient, it's about instilling people with mindsets that make them strive to be more energy-efficient in their day to day lives.

Perhaps some of Zion's congregation members will be inspired to follow in the footsteps of their church by outfitting their own homes with power-saving lighting. Perhaps the children of those congregation members will be inspired to build homes that utilize solar and wind power or geothermal heating.

Environmental thinking can multiply exponentially in this way and Zion United Church has planted a seed of energy-efficiency here in Haliburton County.

Any other churches who wish to take part in the Greening Sacred Spaces program can call Barbara Walford-Davis at 489-1715 for more information.

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## IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Quite a quilt

Photo by Chad Ingram

## TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

# Neil Campbell's column brings back fond memories

To the Editor,

Re: Neil Campbell's column "My boys of summer" in the Minden Times, April 7.

member many Sundays you spent at the park amongst all those fans and the great articles you wrote about the team for the Champion.

What a great time.

What a great article about the old Campbellville ball team and park. I re-

Garnet Mitchell



## IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

### On flight baggage

**T**HE LATE JIM MORRISON of the Doors once sang “people are strange,” which, I think, is interesting, especially coming from a guy who sometimes referred to himself as the Lizard King.

Having said that, I’m beginning to see that he was probably onto something big – perhaps he even stumbled upon a great, universal truth. A case in point is the story of two British women who loaded a wheelchair-bound, 91-year-old relative onto an airliner – which would have been fine had he not been dead at the time.

I’m not sure what the reason was – perhaps those women were the only two remaining members of the Weekend at Bernie’s Fan Club. Maybe they had more Air Miles than they knew what to do with or just needed another person to help carry in-flight baggage. Who knows?

The point is it didn’t work out. They got caught and the incident is now under investigation. As always, I think we can learn

something trivial, inapplicable and unimportant from this. So let’s begin.

First, let me just say that this should be a wakeup call for all of us world-weary travelers. I don’t know how many times I’ve been on a bus or plane and wasn’t entirely sure of the life status of the person not breathing or moving next to me.

With this in mind here’s a quick checklist that prove helpful in situations like this.

1. If they don’t laugh at that joke about the beautiful woman, gold piano player and 9-inch man, they’re probably dead.

2. If they sit still and listen attentively as you tell them your life story beginning with your first memories after vacating the womb, you might consider alerting a stewardess.

3. If they don’t complain about the in-flight movie, taking their shoes off at customs, turbulence or uncomfortable seating, they’ve either attained a higher level of enlightenment or their expiration date.

4. If they begin to show signs of decomposition or skeletal structure, they are likely experiencing an extended state of deadness.

5. If they can listen to Celine Dion for extended periods of time and not swear under their breath or are unmoved by the final episode of any decent sitcom, the odds are good that they are no longer with us.

6. Lastly, if they fail to tell you a long, convoluted story about how tough life was when they were kids and how they had to

walk 18 miles up hill in the middle of winter to get to a one-room schoolhouse, while carrying a lump of coal like all the other kids, so that there’d be some heat – not enough, mind you – in the place where they learned the fundamentals – I’m talking fundamentals, not this fancy garbage they teach the kids today – they are probably unwell in the extreme. No living old person can resist this.

I only mention these things so that we, as travellers, can better understand where the person beside us is in their life journey, and then perhaps order several expensive drinks on their tab.

The bottom line is that those women showed incredibly poor judgment. Taking a dead person aboard an airliner is just plain wrong – especially when Fed-Ex is so convenient.

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### BEYOND35

Steve Galea

### A really big bird

**T**HE BROWN DOG JIGGS and I spent some time visiting with our new neighbours on Sapsucker Ridge but then we left just before the dance.

It seems now as though the two Sandhill Cranes were about to burst into a Texas two-step just about the time we went home for a field guide. By the time we got back they were gone.

Sandhill Cranes, like Canada Geese and Pileated Woodpeckers, stay married for life but even after they’re married, they keep right on dancing. Unlike humans, for example.

A Sandhill dance includes bowing, running, stick-tossing and bouncing as much as a couple of metres in the air, but it starts with wing-flapping, which is what my pair were just starting to do when I left them.

At the very least, they were folding and unfolding their wings, and I didn’t understand what I might have been almost about to see. Maybe.

Sandhills are the biggest bird in Haliburton County. The subspecies that has been moving into the county is as much as five feet tall with a wingspan of up to seven feet if only you stay to see it.

Technically, they weren’t actually on my 50 acres but on a drowned peninsula reach-

ing out to a beaver dam just over my western property line.

The dam and the pond it rims is part of a whole complex of wetlands that reaches from the ridge that cups Big Bob Lake to the Kernohan Pit and then drains into the Gull River.

There are working farms just over the hill, so the wetlands would be a fine place for the Cranes to set up housekeeping if they choose.

The day I saw them, they were just over my shoulder, perhaps a couple of hundred feet away, and when I happened to look back, I almost didn’t notice them.

A big brown bird, standing very still, might have been a very rotten log somehow stood upright and it fooled me at first. When I turned to have another look, there was its partner dressed in the pale gray that is the bird’s true colour.

On the back end of my double take, the dark bird turned from brown to rust, a colour left by the Sandhills’ habit of preening iron-rich mud into their feathers, or so says the

International Crane Foundation.

The morning was so dull and overcast that I could barely see their tiny heads and tall skinny necks, let alone make out the red forehead and crown that would have identified them conclusively. My binoculars were at home, where is where they usually are when I happen to see anything interesting.

The rust coat has nothing to do with gender or mating, but it was the darker bird that behaved like a male, keeping its eye on me while its partner searched for tubers along the far edge of the peninsula.

Though my neighbours were new to me, they are not exactly new to the neighbourhood. Once almost pushed out of Ontario by over-hunting (they’re said to be good eating), they’ve been coming back to Haliburton for a generation.

Just to the south of me, a pair has spent about a month on Wayne Coltman’s fields in each of the past three years, but not so far this spring.



### BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Like most over-sized creatures they are preternaturally calm. One day Wayne watched a curious deer come over for a closer look and animal and bird stood nose-to-nose, the Crane unflappable.

Sandhills have been seen dancing on the Ackerblade farm on the Queen’s Line near Highway 118. Not far away, so many of them spend the summer at the Walker hunt camp, Paul Walker wonders if they might be nesting there.

Possibly. Haliburton’s only confirmed nesting so far was near the Milburn Road, which runs from the Gelert Road to Irondale. Thom Lambert spotted it one day when he and Ed Poropat were out butterflying.

In migration, Sandhills fly in flocks of hundreds, even thousands, most of them funnelling through the Sand Hill region of Nebraska. They fly with neck out-stretched and long legs dragging, unlike any other large bird.

Sometimes they fly so high you can only hear their rattling call, the call that awoke me a couple of mornings after I first saw them. Or was I only dreaming a dream of Sandhills?

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Docks along the Gull River are high and dry and may be for some time. Photo by Chad Ingram



## Dry spring means low water levels

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Despite unusually low water levels in Haliburton County's lakes and rivers, the area's fish populations should be just fine, according to one local expert.

Due to an usually dry spring, water levels in the Gull River, the string of lakes that are feeder reservoirs for the Trent-Severn Waterway and other waterways throughout the county are way down, in some places by a metre or more.

However, fish populations will be just fine, says Keith Hodgson, president of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and a member of the Trent-Severn Water Management Advisory Council.

"It's better than [the water level] being high and then going low," Hodgson said, explaining that in years where there is a lot of fluctuation in water levels, some spawning grounds end up going dry and killing eggs.

Hodgson said volunteers with the association have to move some pickerel spawning beds they created near West Guilford as they were left high and dry, but said moving them is no problem.

"They'll find other sites," he said.

Hodgson said pickerel are the first species of fish to

breed each spring.

He said the lower water levels mean the area should be safe from flooding this year, which has been a challenge to deal with in the past.

The low levels mean that docks along the Gull River and other bodies of water are high and dry for the time being.

Dave Ness is the water control engineer for the Trent-Severn Waterway, of which the Gull River is a part.

Ness said the below-average rainfall this spring means that water levels in the system's feeder lakes are low. "Normally, we would have a lot more water on the dams," Ness said last week.

So far, very few of the dams throughout Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes are spilling water and Ness said this could remain the case for sometime to come.

"We're not going to move anything until those reservoirs are full," he said. "We need some rain."

Ness said that water would be brought down through the system if levels on the canal proper got low, but pointed out there is still almost a month and a half before boating season begins.

To emphasize just how dry the spring has been, Ness pointed out that the Burnt River, which is an untouched waterway, had its lowest peak in 50 years this spring.

## Minden Hills looks at plan

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

The following are briefs from a Minden Hills committee-of-the-whole meeting on April 8.

Minden Hills may be taking a step towards the creation of an economic development master plan with councillors taking part in a half-day workshop on rural planning.

That workshop will be held by Kate Hall, who heads up the county's Communities in Action Committee and holds a master's degree in rural planning and development, and rural planning professor David Douglas of the University of Guelph.

Hall and Douglas will be conducting the workshop for free and Hall made the pitch to councillors at last week's meeting.

While the creation of an economic development master plan had been on the township's books, it was removed so council could address other financial priorities.

### Walkathon and art show draw attention

The local YWCA and the Minden Food Bank have teamed up and will be holding a walkathon fundraiser using Minden's Riverwalk on August 7, which will be accompanied by a community art show drawing attention to poverty and domestic violence in the area. Special events co-ordinator Laura Redman told councillors that MPP Rick Johnson has agreed to participate and said that an invitation has also been sent to local NHL star Matt Duchene. There will also be live music courtesy of drummer Barry "Bazza" Hayward.

### 2011 Timbits provincial curling championship to be held in Minden

The Minden Curling Club will be hosting the 24th annual Timbits Elementary School Provincial Championships from March 31 to April 3 next year and part of that event will be held at the S.G. Nesbitt arena. Organizer Jane Boyd approached council last week to get permission to use the arena's ice surface for the four days. The club's icemaker will install curling quality ice and curling rinks in the arena over top of the regular ice surface for event.

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## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10 as amended.

File No. MV A02/2010, Part Lot 6 and 7, Concession 8, Township of Minden, 1112 Fairfield Bay Drive, MOUNTAIN LAKE,  
Applicant: Cameron JOHNSTON - (Agent is Mr. C. Edward McCarthy, Barrister)

Purpose: Applicant is proposing to increase the width of an existing boathouse from its current width of 3.65m to 4.27m; and from its current length of 6.1m to 10.97m. Boathouses were permitted under a previous by-law but are no longer a permitted shoreline structure. Section 45(2) of the Planning Act allows consideration for variances provided such use was permitted at the time that By-law 06-10 was approved. Requesting approval for the following:

To increase width of an existing boathouse from present width of 3.65m to 4.27m.

To increase length of an existing boathouse from present length of 6.1m to 10.97m.

File No. MV A03/2010, Part Lot 13, Concession 12, Township of Snowdon - 3269 Gelert Road,

Applicant: Mary Anne BARKHOUSE

Purpose: Applicant is requesting permission to construct a wood frame accessory building in a Rural (RU) zone to be used as a sculpture studio. The square footage is 6.616sq.m larger than permitted and the height is 1m more than permitted. The accessory building will be higher than 4.5m to accommodate a home industry (loft over back half). The following variances are required:

1. From Section 4.13 - to construct an accessory building 6.616 sq. m. larger than permitted.
2. From Section 4.1.6 - to construct an accessory building 1m higher than permitted.

File No. MV A04/2010, Part Lot 11, Concession 2, Township of Anson, 1171 Goose Down Lane, BOB LAKE,

Applicant: Ross and Diane GLADWELL

Purpose: Applicants are proposing to construct a new single family dwelling on what is considered a vacant lot in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone. They are unable to meet the required setbacks pursuant to Section 5.2 Table 2.

1. Required Front Yard Setback from high water mark is 23m; this dwelling will be 19.79m; therefore a variance of 3.2m is required
2. Required Side Yard Setback is 4.5m; this dwelling will be 3.05m; therefore a variance of 1.45m is required
3. It will be necessary to address the location of the existing accessory building (10 sq m).

File No. MV A05/2009, Part of Lot 1, Concession 1, Township of Anson, 1031 Current Trail, GULL RIVER

Applicant: Paul MORETTI

Purpose: Applicant is proposing to increase the size of a legal non-complying building by 120%. The permitted increase pursuant to Section 4.7.4 v) is 25%. The property is in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone and Floodway (FW) Zone. The building is currently located 21.3m from the front yard and the addition will not be constructed any closer to the river. The following variance is required:

1. From Section 4.7.4 v) to increase the coverage of the legally non-complying building or structure by more than 25%.

MV A 06/2009, Part of Lot 17, Concession 1, Township of Minden, 1141 Dugan Rd, CANNING LAKE

Applicant: Istvan HORVATH

Purpose: Applicant is proposing to demolish an existing legal non-complying building and replace it with one that is slightly larger and higher than permitted in Section 4.7.4 of By-law 06-10. The following variances are required:

1. From Section 4.7.4 ii) - 1.7m to reduce the front yard setback to 12.0m from the current 13.7m
2. From Section 4.7.4 iii) - 0.8m to construct higher than 1.2m as permitted
3. From Section 4.7.4 v) - 10% to increase the coverage of the legal non-complying building by more than 25%.

**HEARING DATE:** MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**PLACE AND ADDRESS:** Municipal Council Chambers  
7 Milne Street,  
Minden, Ontario.

**ANY PERSON** may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

**NOTICE OF DECISION** - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding this application will be available for public inspection at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills, during normal office hours.

**Dated** this 14th day of April, 2010

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Committee of Adjustment

## Meetings and Events

April 22nd Earth Day Event/Minden

Cultural Centre

April 29th 9:00 a.m Council



### Call to artist for Submission:

Canadian Landscape Juried Exhibition scheduled

Deadline June 4. Entry Form: www.mindenculturalcentre.com

### Around the Frayed Edges

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**Mineral Club at R.D. Lawrence Place, April 22, 2010, 7:30 pm**

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**Haliburton County Earth Day Festival, April 24 1:00 - 4:00**

**Cultural Centre Grounds, Common Room, RDLP**

A Minden Clean-up will be led by EH! At noon, followed by opening ceremonies in the Cultural Centre common room at 1 pm. A family festival with live music, children's activities, presentations for adults on recycling in the county, Good Green News, an art attack and more from R.D. Lawrence Place, Kinark Outdoor Centre, Bark Lake Leadership Centre, Gaia Centre, Rails End Gallery and many volunteer helping hands.

### Beat Beethoven Run – Registration Open!

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre and the Highlands Brass Academy present the first annual Beat Beethoven Fundraising Run.

Combining sport and the arts in a fun and exciting way: the runners line up, the gun goes off, and the Highlands Brass Academy starts playing Beethoven's 5th Symphony! The goal is for the runners to make it back to the finish line before the Symphony finishes!

**Race Day: July 4th 2010 Race Time: 9:00 am**

Go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com for downloadable registration form and more details.

## NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. SRA-09-02

Applicant – **Barbara HUTTON and Edward THOMPSON**

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 2, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9086, registered March 8, 2010.

2. File No. SRA-09-06

Applicant – **Patricia and Gary SNOODON**

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 14, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9054, registered December 18, 2009.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department of the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, during regular office hours.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

**DATED AT THE** Township of Minden Hills, this 14th day of April, 2010.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST  
Planning Administrator

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## TENDERS

### Community Services Department

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2. Insulation and siding installation
3. Rink area structural engineering report & design
4. Accessibility design & upgrades
5. Dressing room and washroom reconfiguration
6. HVAC systems design & install
7. Electrical upgrades
8. Design for Gull River Erosion Repair

To request complete tender documents contact Rick Cox at 286-1936 ext 201 or by email at rcox@mindenhills.ca

Deadline for receipt of sealed responses at the Township Office is 12:00 p.m. May 3, 2010.

The Township reserves the right to reject any and all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

## PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE GEESE



The Township's goose management program is now in operation along the Riverwalk and in Rotary Park. Please be aware of goose dogs at work. Do not approach them or the operator. Thank you. For more information please contact Rick Cox at rcox@mindenhills.ca or at 286-1936 xt 201.

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Thank you also to Reeve Jim McMahon for being a fair and impartial Judge to all our little contestants. The event was a huge success!!

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## Haliburton COUNTY news

## Haliburton hopes to win book competition

by JENN WATT  
Editor

This year's Chesley Challenge may be harder than usual, but head librarian Bessie Sullivan and Friends of the Library chairperson, Heather Thom think Haliburton County is up for it.

The challenge, now in its eighth year, asks small towns to compete against one another by reading.

Haliburton has entered before, but never won and this year may be even harder since the book, chosen due to its Canada Reads win, is a translation from French.

"This year is a fantastic book, but the author ... is not known well in English Canada," Thom says of *Nikolski*, a fictional work set in Montreal by author Nicolas Dickner.

The book won multiple awards for its French version and then in 2008 was given the Governor General's award for best translation.

The storyline according to Random House: "In the spring of 1989, three young people, born thousands of miles apart, each cut themselves adrift from their birthplaces and set out to discover what – or who – might anchor them in their lives. They each leave almost everything behind, carrying with them only a few artifacts of their lives so far – possessions that have

proven so formative that they can't imagine surviving without them – but also the accumulated memories of their own lives and family histories."

According to Sullivan and Thom, the writing style is whimsical and quirky much like that of Annie Proulx or John Irving. They both characterize it as a "page turner."

The big success for Dickner came in March when the book was selected for the Canada Reads 2010 competition, hosted by CBC. In the past, a win in Canada Reads has ensured success for the winning Canadian novel. *Nikolski* beat out literary monuments *Fall On Your Knees*, *The Jade Peony* and *Generation X*.

In order to win the Chesley Challenge, readers from around the county must read *Nikolski* and then register their read on a log sheet at any of the county's libraries. Some bookstores will also carry the sign in sheet. The competition runs until May 31.

There are currently seven copies of the book available for loan at the library.

Last year's Canada Reads selection was *The Book of Negroes*, which garnered the largest number of county readers yet – about 150.

The winner of the challenge must have the most readers per capita. Last year's winner was the small town of Paisley.



Librarian Bessie Sullivan and Friends of the Library chairperson Heather Thom read the latest Canada Reads book, *Nikolski* together. Haliburton County is participating in the Chesley Challenge, which asks communities to all read the Canada Reads selection. /Photo by Jenn Watt

"[*Nikolski*] was definitely the dark horse. I wouldn't have read this [without Canada Reads]," Sullivan said, but she's glad she did.

Aside from the Chesley Challenge, Friends of the Library is also sponsoring programming over the next few months including financial workshops and interesting speakers and writers.

On May 13, Amin Shivji will share his story of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro with his daughter Nadia to raise money for HIV/AIDS. Part of the lunch and learn series, Shivji's talk includes lunch at the

Bonnie View Inn and costs \$20. You must RSVP for this event by calling Klara at 286-4419 or email friends@haliburtonlibrary.ca.

On April 14, Cindy Trapp will lead a financial planning workshop at the Dysart library on women and money at 1:30 p.m. Entry is by donation.

And on April 21 at 2 p.m., Matt Jackson, travel writer and humorist, will be speaking at the Minden cultural centre. Cost is \$10 or free for Friends of the Library members. Call 447-2402 or email friends@haliburtonlibrary.ca to reserve space.

## Regional annual chess tournament held in Haliburton

by ANGELICA BLENICH  
Times Staff

It was a day of checkmates in Haliburton Village on April 6 as hundreds of young players battled it out in the 2010 Trillium Lakelands District School Board chess championships.

Representing 15 schools from across the region, players from Grades 1 through 8 took part in five rounds of play at the Haliburton Legion and Dysart arena to determine both the district champions and the provincial delegates.

The annual tournament was organized by JD Hodgson Elementary School teacher Blake Paton, who believes chess is an activity that encourages open-ended problem solving and a higher level of thinking.

"This is one thing kids can do that en-

courages both reading and math," said Paton.

Haliburton County was well represented at the tournament with a number of students placing at the top of their field.

Grade 1 student Logan Heaven of Stuart Baker Elementary School (SBES) placed third in his age group.

Grade 2 student Miki Bukta of SBES took home top place, while teammate Isaac Little placed second and Brayden Rogers picked up Cardiff's first-ever top three finish in the tournament. Bukta is currently ranked second in Ontario and fifth in Canada amongst his age group.

Grade 3 student Bo Stevenson of SBES took the first-place trophy.

The most impressive age group for the county was that of Grade 4 as four students from JD Hodgson Elementary School took home an invitation to the provincial finals.

Those students were Eric Wooten, Emily Klose, Jordan Lapierre and Zac Shantz.

In Grade 5 Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Chris Thompson came in third while Jacob Bishop of JD Hodgson Elementary School also earned an invitation to the provincial finals.

In a stunning end to his elementary school chess career, Sam Tyler of JD Hodgson Elementary School won the Grade 8 championship for 2010, also winning the championship when he was in the first grade.

JDHES earned the tournament's team title once again scoring a final total of 57.5 points.

Hundreds of students throughout the Trillium Lakelands District School Board descended on Haliburton Village on April 6 to contest the 2010 chess championship. /Photo Angelica Blenich









# Winterfest on the lookout for volunteers

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

The organizing committee for the 2011 Winterfest Ontario Senior Games is looking for volunteers, lots of them, to help with the event to be held in Haliburton County next year.

Michael Malone, the general manager for the games, was the speaker at

the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce monthly breakfast at Minden's Dominion Hotel on April 8.

Malone said 400 volunteers would be required to make the games, scheduled for Feb 15 through 17, run smoothly.

Describing the county's hospitality as "outstanding," Malone said he was sure the committee would be able to find this volunteer base.



Michael Malone, general manager for the 2011 Winterfest Ontario Senior Games, was the guest speaker at the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce breakfast on April 8. /Photo by Chad Ingram

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The games will bring approximately 1,000 athletes and 500 spectators to the county, Malone said, and are expected to generate \$1 million for the local economy.

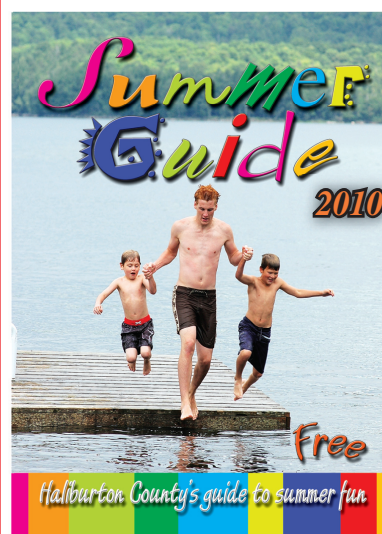
He said the games would allow the county to turn its tourism base into a year-round focus.

Volunteer applications can be picked up at municipal offices throughout the coun-

ty, at the Canoe FM studio in Haliburton village or from [www.winterfest2011.com](http://www.winterfest2011.com).

Signs depicting the games' banner and logo are also available for sale by businesses or individuals for \$100, \$300 or \$500. All of the proceeds will go to help cover the costs of hosting the games. They can also be ordered on the website.

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If this bill becomes law independent pharmacists, especially in rural areas, will be threatened. Many stores will have to lay off employees or close altogether. User fees will be commonplace. If we do nothing and allow this government to pass this bill, your pharmacy of the future may be a busy "big box" store, many kilometers away.

### Most importantly, the quality of your health care will be reduced.

**As Ontarians who value the quality of our health and the most vulnerable members of our families; the sick, elderly, and young; we cannot let this happen.**

What can people do? We urge everyone concerned to get involved. Contact your MPP, Mr. Rick Johnson ([rjohnson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org](mailto:rjohnson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org) - 705-324-6654). In addition write directly to the Health Minister Deb Mathews ([dmathews.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org](mailto:dmathews.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org) - 519-432-7339 and Premier McGuinty ([www.premier.gov.on.ca](http://www.premier.gov.on.ca)). Let them know that you and your family depend on the front line services your pharmacy provides. Let them know that the changes proposed will compromise patient care in the province. Let them know you stand with community pharmacies.

We need your help now, and we need it badly. Time is running out.

Thank you for your support.

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Peter Meraw

Pharmacist and Co-owner, Minden Pharmasave

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# 'We're asset rich, but debt and cash poor,' says P4P

by **GEORGE FARRELL**  
*Special to the Times*

On April 6 Places For People (P4P) held its annual general meeting at the United Church in Minden. It's been an eventful year for P4P, as President Fay Martin outlined in her opening address.

The focus of Martin's message was the obtaining, financing, demolition and transforming of the old Orange Hall on 19 George Street in Haliburton, and the subsequent housing of two families in the newly built apartments.

"On Feb 6, 2009, 19 George Street entered our lives," said Martin, "and the Orange hall was transformed in the unthinkable time frame of seven months, within the unbelievable renovations budget of \$87,000."

Martin went on to thank all the volunteers involved in the demolition and renovation, including in-kind contributions from businesses, and a generous cash donation from a local couple, which helped in securing HCDC approval and additional financing for the project.

Martin acknowledged that there was still work to be done.

"We have to prove to ourselves and to the community that we are good landlords, that we run a competent business, that the financial and social support of the community was a worthy investment that pays back, in the short run and over time," stated Martin.

She then handed proceedings over to treasurer Adele Espina who brought the gathering up

to date on finances for the last fiscal year.

"We're asset rich, but debt and cash poor," she said, "like a lot of home owners."

Espina went on to say that there was approximately \$45,000 donated in gifts of goods, and almost \$33,000 donated in cash, over the course of the year. Espina also said the focus for 2010 would be in the areas of fundraising, and grant applications, for future projects.

Later on in proceedings there were reports from the renovations, property, communications, tenant selection support, and fundraising committees. A couple of those committees were recognized as being temporarily mothballed, due to the completion of 19 George St. They could be resurrected for future projects, as required.

Former board members Terry Hunter and Don Madole were thanked for their contributions. Max Ward was introduced as the new communications chair, and a new board of directors was approved, consisting for the most part, of members from the previous board.

After business was completed P4P members ate a great potluck meal while they watched a video, produced by Highlands Media Arts. The video showed the various stages of construction at 19 George Street and highlighted the efforts of local individuals and organizations. It artfully showed what can be accomplished by a small group of committed people in creating affordable homes and an environment for two underprivileged families.

# Devolin recovering from second eye surgery

by **ANGELICA BLENICH**  
*Times Staff*

After what appeared to be a successful surgery to repair a detached retina, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin headed back to the hospital on April 8 for a more extensive follow-up surgery. The second surgery is a result of Devolin's retina becoming detached once again.

"Mr. Devolin was experiencing some blurry vision on the Easter weekend and decided to go the hospital in Ottawa to have his eye examined," explained Jamie Schmale, Devolin's executive assistant. "They kept him overnight and then informed him he would be requiring another surgery."

Devolin had initially undergone surgery in March to repair the retina, however problems with his vision have resurfaced.

"With the first surgery there was a 95 per cent success rate," says Schmale. "Unfortunately he fell into the five per cent where it wasn't successful. However this time he knew the symptoms, so

he knew to go to the hospital right away. This is hopefully going to be the last one."

After a follow up appointment on April 9, Devolin was released and is now resting at his home in Haliburton.

Based on what the doctors have told him, because this was major surgery, the recovery will take longer than last time. Devolin expects to be away from work for two or possibly three weeks.

"This is frustrating, but I know I need to do whatever is necessary to get my sight back," said Devolin. "The worry now is that each time it detaches, the odds of getting all the sight back is reduced."

"The doctors have told me that the chances of recovering 100 per cent of my vision decreases each time the retina detaches," said Devolin. "One time was okay. Two is a problem. Three would probably require very major surgery or loss of vision."

*With files from the Lindsay Post*

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# Reading



# Welcoming newcomers to area

by ANGELICA BLENICH  
Times Staff

Debbie Swanson was flipping through a copy of *Homemakers* magazine when she saw an ad that caught her attention.

It was 2007 and the ad was for a position with Welcome Wagon, a national organization that helps people with the process of relocating. Swanson decided to apply online to be the official Welcome Wagon representative for Haliburton and Minden.

"After I was interviewed I was hired," says Swanson, who works part-time with the organization.

As the representative for Haliburton

and Minden, Swanson welcomes those who are new to town with a basket full of free goodies supplied by business sponsors from the community. As part of her job, it was Swanson's responsibility to go out and find these willing sponsors.

"I had to do all the legwork myself," she explains.

The aim of the organization, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year, is to welcome those who are new to the area and introduce them to the amenities and services available in town. For Swanson, the job fits her personality and lifestyle well.

"The job is very flexible and I get to do it on my own time which is

good," she says. "I love it because I get to meet lots of new people."

Swanson says she relies on the local newspapers and word of mouth to hear about new people moving to town. In addition to welcoming new residents, Swanson also welcomes those who have just given birth to brand new residents as well.

So far the program, which is a first for the community, has been well received amongst those who have been both sponsors and recipients.

"Everyone has been very receptive," says Swanson. "Sometimes I end up doing cold calls and knock on the doors of new residents who aren't expecting me. I'm always let in."

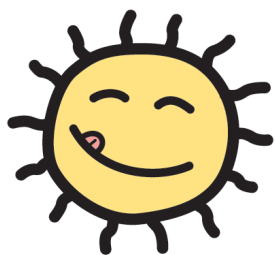


Debbie Swanson has a basket full of goodies to officially help new residents settle into their home in Haliburton. /Photo by Angelica Blenich



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## Quilt raffle

Members of the Minden Health Care Auxiliary and the Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild show off a quilt the guild donated to the auxiliary last week. Featuring a pattern called "segura stars," the quilt will be raffled off in November at an auxiliary fundraiser. It will be on display at the Minden HHHS facility in the meantime. /Photo by Chad Ingram

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Chad Ingram/TIMES

Pharmacist Richard Smith of Minden's Pharmasave does a blood pressure reading for patient Glen Jewett. Smith and his business partner Peter Meraw are concerned new legislation will force pharmacies to reduce their services.

## Pharmacies may cut services

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"If this bill goes through it would be a devastating and massive hit to us," Meraw said earlier this week.

Unlike large pharmacy chains, Meraw said small pharmacies still rely mainly on prescriptions for their income.

For instance, Meraw said at the business he co-owns with Richard Smith, 80 per cent of their revenue still comes from the pharmacy itself while 20 per cent comes from what he called the "front store" – the area where people buy toothpaste and deodorant.

Larger chains rely much heavier on their front stores, he said.

"This is why small-town pharmacies are more at risk."

As a result of lost revenues, Meraw said he and Smith, along with other small pharmacy owners, may be forced to charge user fees for services that are currently free – blood-pressure testing, medical advice, etc. – eliminate some services, cut staff or reduce hours.

Some stores in Haliburton County would almost certainly be forced to close their doors, he said.

"At the end of the day, this is about patient care and patient safety," Meraw said, adding that in an area like Minden that is medically under-served and has a large senior population, it is especially vital that patients have access to the medical care pharmacies provide.

Smith said the pending legislation

amounts to nothing less than frontline health care cuts by the province.

"I'm frustrated because the government is ignoring my patients," he said, adding that the pharmacy serves hundreds of people each day. "I'm proud of my pharmacy. I'm proud of the health care we provide Minden."

For nine months, Ontario's pharmacists were at the bargaining table with the province through the Independent Pharmacists of Ontario where Meraw said the group offered the government alternatives to save money within the pharmacy realm.

Those talks broke down recently.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Rick Johnson told the *Times* Tuesday the government is trying hard to reduce its deficit.

"The bottom line is we're trying to reduce the cost of generic drugs," Johnson said, adding that the Ontario Drug Benefit program, which services seniors, low-income residents and people with disabilities, makes up approximately \$4.2 billion of the province's \$4.7 billion health budget.

He also pointed out that Ontario pays more for generic drugs than any other province.

Johnson said he understood the inconvenience it would cause county residents if pharmacies in the area began to close and said he was addressing the issue in question period on Tuesday.

Meraw and Smith are urging their patients and others in the area who are concerned to write letters to local publications, Johnson, Ontario's health minister and Premier Dalton McGuinty himself.

## Gonyea 'a cog in the wheel'

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A catch is that when Gonyea moved his business from Minden to the building in 2008, the township's chief building official at the time apparently knew what his plans were and reportedly green-lighted the move.

"Our people knew exactly what was happening on this piece of property," Reeve Jim McMahon said last week. McMahon was in favour of supporting the amendments.

However, current chief building officer Ken Jones told councillors that township documents show approval of renovations for the waterfront building, but contain no specifics about the business setting up shop there.

Gonyea has attained the services of the law firm that represents Twin Lakes

Resort, as well as planner Rick Hunter, who created the township's official plan.

"He's going to blow this thing out of the water and make us look stupid," McMahon told his colleagues.

"If it goes to the board, it goes to the board," responded Councillor Peter Oylar.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said while she thought the situation was unfortunate, she said she would be supporting the planner's recommendation.

"I'm just a cog in a wheel," Gonyea told the *Times* earlier this week, adding he was simply trying to operate his business and that what he had done had been with what he believes was permission from the township.

Gonyea said he put several thousand dollars into renovations on the building that houses his business.

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# Cultural centre announces poet tree winners

by ANGELICA BLENICH  
Times Staff

Former local resident Antonia Armstrong can be proud that her poem *Unfinished* has taken first place in the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network's (HHWEN) annual poet tree project.

Winners of the project were announced at R.D. Lawrence Place on April 10 during a reception. Honourable mentions were given to Alex Hamilton Brown for his poem *In The Morning of the Silence* and to Heather Forman for her short poem *Sisters*. The first place recipient won \$100 and the two honourable mentions each received \$25 from HHWEN. This was the third year of the project.

Judges Pat Brown, Marjorie Ludlow Green and John Unrau, said it was a difficult decision, not only because of the high quality of the entries, but because

judging poetry is a bit "ridiculous" due to how subjective a judge's likes are. Unrau contends that a civilized society should be able to just sit down with a pint of Guinness and entertain each other with their poetry without it being a contest, but he did concede the contest is what inspires many to write.

Hamilton Brown, a resident of Bancroft, was on hand to read his poem to all who attended. The filmmaker told the audience he believed poetry writing is observational.

"I was scared people were going to think 'what does this mean and what does that mean'," Hamilton Brown said after reading his poem. "Really it's up to you."

The poetry will be on display for the rest of April – poetry month.



Alex Hamilton Brown was on hand at the R.D. Lawrence place in Minden on April 10 to attend a reception to announce the winners of the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network's Annual Poet Tree Project. Hamilton Brown's poem, "In the morning of the silence", which was read by the author at the event, was given an honourable mention. A display featuring the winning poems, pictured, will be at the cultural centre for all to admire for the next few weeks. /Photo by Angelica Blenich

## Winning poetry submissions

### SISTERS

Through predetermined yesterdays  
Our ligature began  
But fate alone  
Could not endure  
The rate of our demands  
The endless trials  
Could not prevail  
The way our lives take stand  
And only we can build a bond  
Stronger than it began

By Heather Forman

### IN THE MORNING OF THE SILENCE

In the morning of the silence,  
When we know the way we are,  
We will realize our essence  
Is beyond molecular.

Every form and every angle,  
Every particle we see,  
We are there within its structure  
In an infinite degree.

Over time of past and present  
There's no future, only now.  
What is there in Heaven's reflection  
Only stillness will endow.

These are pathways we are given;  
These are means that show the way.  
In the morning of the silence  
Some will go and some will stay.

In the dance that comes from Heaven  
Is a dance for every age;  
Going this way, going that  
On a timeless earthly stage.

In the morning of the silence  
Giving up, is giving birth  
To a dance that's more inspiring  
Than the one we danced on earth.

By Alex Hamilton Brown

### UNFINISHED

No matter how we fuss and think we must  
Tidy up the mess we make  
Our stuff will never be quite straight  
Nor clean enough, those motes of dust  
Alighting as we sweep  
Nothing ever stays the same  
Nothing will ever keep  
The way we want it to remain.

Like a skein of wool  
Raveled again on the floor  
The one you've tried to pull  
And disentangle so many times before  
That ragged fringe of mat  
The rucked up paper that won't lay flat  
Or that dirty crack between the door  
You've swept clean a thousand times before.

That lost sock the dryer ate  
A missing button, a hole you cannot patch  
The china horse head that won't reattach  
A word of warning too late  
The gloves you left behind  
On that disappointing date  
All these are no match  
To the clutter in your mind.

Relationships that went awry  
You want to save, but when you try  
Elude you, though you don't know why  
You wish to go back and fix things  
You want to clear up those loose strings  
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# HHSS dominates junior badminton qualifier

by JERRY GROZELLE  
*Special to the Times*

The junior Red Hawks badminton team dominated the preliminary qualifying tournament April 7 at Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute, coming home with first and second place in every category.

First in the boys' doubles went to Darcy Schmidt and Bin Chun. Second went to Andrew Murray and Brett Yake.

Boys' singles honours went to Greg Foster, who claimed first and Kieran Poropat in second place.

The top mixed doubles team of the tournament was the HHSS duo of Tanner Ballantyne and Sandy Griffiths. Tanner Hamilton and Jessica Bishop placed second.

Grace Diezel and Sam Tallman were first in the girls' doubles category, with the team of Ali Hicks and Brigitta Hicks taking second.

Jamie Dack earned first place in the girls singles competition, with Jessica Bishop placing second.

The Red Hawks will host the Kawartha West Qualifying Tournament this Thursday at the HHSS Recreation Complex.



Megan Macduff and Kelsey Crowe of the HHSS Red Hawks placed second in the ladies doubles division at the Kawartha West Seniors Badminton Tournament at HHSS on April 6.



At left, Red Hawks Tiffany van Lieshout and Hillary Hawley took top honours in the ladies doubles event at the Kawartha West Seniors Badminton Tournament in Haliburton. All 16 Red Hawks competitors advanced to the Kawartha Qualifying Tournament in Norwood this week.

Photos by Jerry Grozelle

## Seniors clean up in badminton qualifier

by JERRY GROZELLE  
*Special to the Times*

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School played host to the Kawartha West Senior Badminton Championship Tournament April 6 with the top six of 12 teams advancing to the Kawartha Qualifying Championship in Norwood on April 13. The HHSS Red Hawks fared well,

with all 16 members advancing.

The Red Hawks dominated the doubles competitions claiming first and second place in all three divisions.

First place in the men's doubles went to Jesse Schmidt and Drew Paul. Jesse Walker and Scott Griffith placed second.

Kara Pogue and Dan Wright took first place in the mixed doubles division, with Kaitlin Allore and Adam Van Nood placing second.

Tiffany van Lieshout and Hillary Hawley took top honours in the ladies doubles. Second went to Megan Macduff and Kelsey Crowe.

## Notices

### NOTICES & TENDERS FOR:



**SEE PAGE 9  
IN TODAY'S PAPER**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All claims against the estate of Olive Jean Spring, who died on or about the 17th day of February, 2010, must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before the 28th day of April, 2010, after which date the estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the Estate Trustee shall then have notice.

DATED at Oshawa this 30th day of March, 2010.

David George Spring, Estate Trustee, by Palter, McCarthy, 214 King Street East, Oshawa, Ont. L1H 1C7. Phone: (905) 576-7501.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All claims against the Estate of Gregory John Smith late of the County of Haliburton, Province of Ontario, who died on or about the 31st day of January, 2010, must be filed with the undersigned solicitor for the personal representative of the estate on or before the 14th day of April, 2010, after which date the estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the Estate Trustee, than shall have notice.

DATED at Minden, Ontario this 31st day of March, 2010.

By: David A.P. Shapiera Professional Corporation,  
69 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 369  
Minden, Ontario  
K0M 2K0



# Garage sale season begins



## STANHOPE LIFE

Gina Atkinson  
489-1397

pinereflections@sympatico.ca

This Saturday, April 17, don't miss our huge garage sale, it will be held in our greenhouse so it will happen no matter what the weather brings and lately it's been a mixed bag!

Garage sales have always been a passion of mine, before moving up here it was a regular Saturday morning routine. My sister-in-law Franca and I used to have coffee and then roam around from sale to sale.

Since we all know garage sale enthusiasts are early risers, we will start at 8 a.m. I am not going to call it a feast but we are offering delicious munchies.

If you need directions, please call 489-1397 or e-mail me at pinereflections@sympatico.ca.

Hope to you can attend!

Don't forget..... Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m. the Haliburton Garlic Growers present their 2010 Garlic Workshop at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Centre in Minden.

This evening will be full of interesting discussion with well-know guest speaker Paul Pospisil who is a renowned garlic grower, speaker, master gardener and managing editor of the *Garlic News*.

There will be sampling of locally grown quality gourmet garlic in many dips and spreads. Trust me, they are to die for!

## Spring Registration

### Haliburton Soccer Club REGISTRATION

Tuesday, April 27th & Wednesday, April 28th  
5:30 - 7:30pm

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School  
Athletic Complex Entrance  
Soccer begins Tuesday July 6th  
And continues all summer!  
Youth Soccer \$30  
Adult Co-Ed League Soccer \$35

#### Haliburton Soccer Club

The 2010 Summer Soccer Season will soon be here! We need new Coaches and Volunteers to continue this excellent program. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact:  
Amy 457-4266  
Terry 457-1765 or

haliburtonsoccerclub@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you on the fields

Admission is by donation. Further information on this great evening can be obtained by calling Sheila Robb at 489-4201.

This just might be your introduction to growing your own crop, it's not as hard as you think and you will realize this after chatting with other growers about their experiences.

It's not too early to tell you about some new workshops that are commencing Saturday, May 1. The first is entitled Transition to Self Sufficiency and it will take place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Location is Dave and Cheryl Bathe's residence on 1425 Francis Road. Directions: Gelert Road (County Road 1) to Sedgwick Road at Gelert, east on Sedgwick Road, then turn right onto Francis Road which ends at Cheryl and Dave's homestead.

These directions are better than they used to be ... you must remember the ones I mean, just down the road, around the corner, look for the Y in the road, the tall white pine with a broken limb and if you reach the big red barn, you've gone too far. Those were the days when you had to allow an hour for a fifteen minute trip.

It's an afternoon sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Food Coalition and other local food advocates. This first workshop will give you a demonstration of cost effective hoop houses, tunnels and cold frames so that you can transform your garden patch into a four season garden.

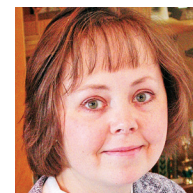
Your visit will include a slide show on this subject as well as a tour of an existing hoop house.

Learn the principles of seed starting, transplanting and other useful information from experienced gardeners.

Admission is \$5 and includes a light lunch and all visitors are entered into a draw for fresh produce from the hoop house and a copy of Eliot Coleman's *The Winter Harvest Handbook*.

Registration is requested, so please call Melanie at the HKPR Health unit at 705-457-1391, extension 245. More information? Please call David Bathe 286-2950 or Eric Lilius at 754-9873. Have a great week!

# Get twisted at a beading class



## DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano  
705-766-0076

melalfano@hotmail.com

For all those crafty people out there – don't miss the next beading class at the Dorset Recreation Centre taking place on Wednesday, April 14 starting at 7 p.m. The technique being taught is called twisted tubular herringbone and promises to be a lot of fun. Participants will be using size 11 seeds beads and delicats (a selection will be available for purchase or bring your own). The cost is \$10 per person (plus materials). Call 766-9968 for more information or to register.

The invitations have gone out and now all you have to do is RSVP by calling 766-9968 today. The Dorset Snowball wrap up party for all volunteers and sponsors takes place on Friday, April 16 at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the 7th annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art taking place on Friday, April 23 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorset recreation centre are \$6 each or two for \$10 and are available at the Recreation Centre (age of majority event for 19 years and up).

The evening promises to be a wonderful celebration of the arts featuring local authors, poets, musicians, painters, a potter, a stone carver, a local winery and wonderful refreshments courtesy of Robinson's General Store.

Get up close and personal with the performers and artists. Books, CDs and artwork will be available to purchase directly from the artists.

For more information or to purchase tickets to this much anticipated event, please call 766-9968.

There will be a Dorset community policing meeting on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre and all are welcome.

Have you heard about "211"? 211 is a community helpline being established across Canada to connect people with services and programs in their community. 211 calls are answered by an information and referral specialist who is trained to assist you in finding the appropriate program or service that suits your needs.

If you have questions about respite care, Meals on Wheels, recreation programs, where to find a support group, how to replace an OHIP card, access to senior's housing, how to obtain legal assistance, location of food banks, how to contact your mayor or reeve, MP or MPP, utility or rent assistance, transportation, where to donate or volunteer ... and much more.

Dialing 211 is free, confidential and available 24/7, 365 days a year. Make sure you know your numbers – 911 is the number to dial in emergencies, 411 is the number to call for directory assistance and 211 is the number to call for community, social, health and government services.

Birthday wishes for the week of April 11 to 17 go out to Bev Robinson, Carol McMullen, "Blue Goose," Robbie Drebbitt and Catlin Perry. Have fun on your special day!

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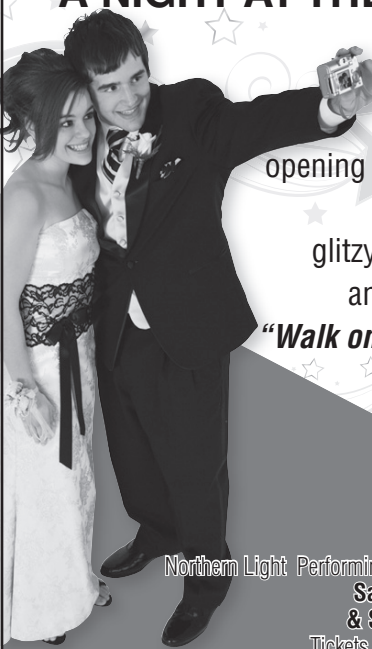
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**SUN. APRIL 11th - REGULAR SERVICES - 9am**  
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**SUN. APRIL 18th - BUSINESS APPRECIATION  
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(Thanking Local Businesses)

**WED. APRIL 21st - FRIENDSHIP TEA - 2pm**  
(wear your bonnet)

**SUN. APRIL 25th - EARTH DAY SERVICES**  
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**THE NEXT HFS PRODUCTION IS  
"A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES"  
May 15 & 16**

**For further information on this program  
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**"EVERYBODY NEEDS A FRIEND"**



# Beware of the beautiful Easter lily



## AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Let's face it Easter lilies are deceptive. With their beautiful blooms and heavy scent one forgets the hazards of close encounters.

Carrying a large, purple foiled lily, gift for the old farmhouse, cousin Margo was puzzled by curious stares in London's Walmart until the cashier discreetly whispered that a mirror check might be in order.

The reflection of yellow pollen lines crossing her face was daunting enough only to find they smudged if wiped. Trimming our second gift lily from Ben's family resulted in having to wear my turtle-neck backwards for the rest of the day. At least there was only a hint of its non-designer label visible to the discerning eye rather than random patches of brown pollen on beige.

Careful attention should be paid to cur-

rent media coverage about the provincial government's pending changes to the provision of prescription drugs. Responses by the larger chains has been swift with potential closures of stores, reduced hours of service and non-hiring of summer personnel.

The small rural pharmacy however does not have these options open to it nor do sales of other product lines generate significant revenue to act as a buffer.

The population served often requires special services and more flexibility provided in an atmosphere of mutual trust.

Personally the Kinmount Pharmacy, conveniently located on the lower level of the Kinmount and District Health Centre, is not simply a drugstore but is Khos, Amin, Lynne and Val.

At the Shopper's Drugstore in Stratford last fall we could even choose our pre-festival takeout sandwich from its well stocked deli counter.

No sandwiches needed here thank you instead please allow for the continuing quality of personal attention, caring, empathy and positive reinforcement our rural residents have become accustomed to, ex-

pect and deserve.

To stock up on your pre-summer reading drop by the Friends of the Library Committee monthly book sale this coming Saturday, April 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lower level of the Kinmount branch.

When spring cleaning please remember that donations of good used books (no magazines) can be placed in the labeled bin outside the lower level door.

Speaking of spring cleaning, mark your calendar now for the community annual pitch-in day sponsored by the Kinmount Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders on Saturday, May 1. Meet at the railway station at 9 a.m. for a one-hour assignment with gloves and garbage bags provided and refreshments supplied after a job well done.

The popular annual dinner auction (#16) sponsored by the Kinmount and District Committee for Planning and Economic Development will be held at the Galway Hall on Saturday, April 24. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for pre-auction viewing with a full roast beef dinner at 7 p.m. The evening includes a live auction with Don Corneil,

silent auction, country raffle and loonie auction with Clayton Cameron. Tickets are \$25 per person and available by calling 488-2635 or 488-2687 but please call early as tickets sell out very quickly for this community fundraiser.

The second craft drop-in for the month of April sponsored by the Kinmount United Church Women is set for this Thursday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Kinmount Artisans' Marketplace, lower level of the community centre. There is no charge and everyone is welcome to bring along a craft project in progress, one in need of some problem solving or an idea to share, 488-2220.

When at the Marketplace be sure to pick up the Friends of the Rail Trail brochure for dates and locations of the weekly Sunday Rambles being held during April and May.

This Sunday, April 18 its Turntable and Trestle with the group meeting at 11 a.m. at the end of Howland Junction Road, Kinmount. For more information including lunch details go to [www.friendsoftherailtrail.ca](http://www.friendsoftherailtrail.ca).

Until next week.

## community calendar

What's happening in the County

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to the  *Haliburton Highlands* Community Calendar link at: [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca)

• **April 14: Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group** will be held in the Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre - Doors open at 6 pm. The speaker at 7 pm will be Wendy Ladurantaye showing how to enhance family history with scrapbooking techniques, both digital and traditional cut and glue methods. No charge. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Gail Leach-Wunker 705-286-2225 or [hhgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hhgroup@gmail.com)

• **April 14: Babysitter Training Course** - A six session course providing 12-17 year olds with information on the essentials for babysitting. There is a \$15 fee for the manual. The course is on Wednesdays at the Minden OEYC starting April 14 to May 19 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Student must pre-register as space is limited. To register please phone OEYC Parent Education at 286-4625.

• **April 17: Norland Volunteer Management Board is sponsoring a Yard Sale at the Old Norland School Hall** - To book tables or for further information please contact Grace Graham at 705-454-3404.

• **April 17: Haliburton County Volunteer Fair** - Come out and explore the volunteer opportunities available. Haliburton Legion 10 am - 1 pm. Guest speakers, entertainment, lunch provided. Please RSVP to Roxanne at 457-9603.

• **April 19: Aging Well in Haliburton County at the Dysart Library** - What did we learn from 437 surveys? What did 4 focus groups have to say? What issues do seniors face here? How are they different for each municipality? Join us from 1 pm to 3 pm to hear what we learned and what we are planning to do about it. Consider joining us as we take action to make it easier to age well in Haliburton County.

• **April 20: GriefShare Support Group** - Join us for from 7:30 - 9:00 pm at Lakeside Baptist Church, Park St, Haliburton. No cost to attend.

• **April 20: Aging Well in Haliburton County at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce** - What did we learn from 437 surveys? What did 4 focus groups have to say? What issues do seniors face here? How are they different for each municipality? Join us from 1 pm to 3 pm to hear what we learned and what we are planning to do about it. Consider joining us as we take action to make it easier to age well in Haliburton County.

• **April 21: The Friends of the Haliburton Public Library invite you to an afternoon of story telling and music with award winning travel author and humorist, Matt Jackson at 2 pm** - In the Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Come and enjoy Jackson's tales of a four year adventure hitchhiking across Canada. Refreshments will be served. No cost for Friends members; \$10 for non members. For more information call 447-2402 or email [friends@haliburtonlibrary.ca](mailto:friends@haliburtonlibrary.ca)

• **April 22: Haliburton County Garlic Growers present 2010 Garlic Workshop Learning and Sharing** - Join us at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Centre, Minden at 7 pm. With guest speaker Paul Pospisil, renowned garlic grower, speaker,

master gardener and managing editor of the garlic news. Admission by donation. For further information please contact Sheila Robb 489-4201.

• **April 24: The Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development Invites You to attend the Sixteenth Annual Dinner/Auction in support of Community Improvement Projects in the Village of Kinmount** - Join us at the Galway Hall, doors open at 5:30 pm and dinner is at 7:00 pm. There is a live auction, silent auction and country raffle. For tickets or information please call 488-2687 or 488-2635.

• **April 26: Aging Well in Haliburton County at the Stanhope Community Centre** - What did we learn from 437 surveys? What did 4 focus groups have to say? What issues do seniors face here? How are they different for each municipality? Join us from 1 pm to 3 pm to hear what we learned and what we are planning to do about it. Consider joining us as we take action to make it easier to age well in Haliburton County.

• **April 27: GriefShare Support Group** - Join us for from 7:30 - 9:00 pm at Lakeside Baptist Church, Park St, Haliburton. No cost to attend.

• **April 27: Aging Well in Haliburton County at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (Old Library)** - What did we learn from 437 surveys? What did 4 focus groups have to say? What issues do seniors face here? How are they different for each municipality? Join us from 1 pm to 3 pm to hear what we learned and what we are planning to do about it. Consider joining us as we take action to make it easier to age well in Haliburton County.

• **April 27: Le Club de francais - third meeting at Fleming College, Room 10 from 7-8:30 pm** - Venez s'amuser, discuter, chanter, jouer et manger en francais. Last Tuesday of every month. 754-1294

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis**. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to [editor@haliburtonecho.ca](mailto:editor@haliburtonecho.ca), or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to [editor@mindentimes.ca](mailto:editor@mindentimes.ca) or brought in to the office.

**Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**

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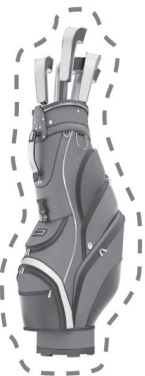
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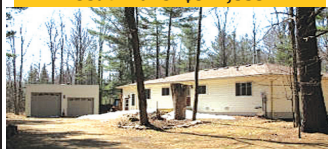




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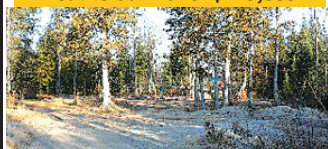
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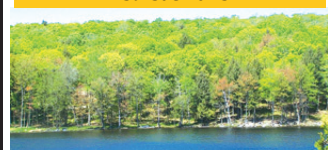
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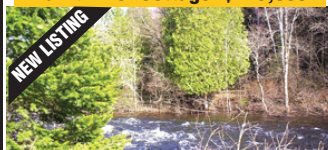
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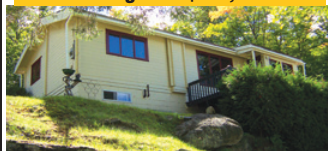
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